

## BETH GURRISTER

Beth Gurrister's love of Box Elder County, the State of Utah and her country has been demonstrated throughout her life.

In 1991, the Box Elder County Economic Development Board determined Tourism should be a major element in promoting a diverse economy. The County Commissioners appointed Beth to develop a tourism focus. With a board of eight they produced a resource review, infrastructure review and chose a theme. The first cycling trail brochure and the first comprehensive County Brochure of sites, recreation, amenities, etc. were professionally printed. The theme, "Trails, Rails and Rockets" reflected the past history and future embodied in Box Elder County and the State. For 13 years, Beth was a 40-hour-a-week-volunteer on behalf of tourism in Box Elder County!

The Box Elder Tourism Council is a part of the regional Golden Spike Empire in which Beth served as President and she also assisted with the Northern Utah Olympics 2002.

Culture and Heritage Tourism and celebrating our Nation's history have also been a great part of Beth's commitment to promoting Box Elder County and the State. Beth currently chairs the City's Cultural and Heritage Arts Council, which is assisting in the preservation of Academy Square and other activities to preserve the heritage of the area, as well as the Cultural Arts Festival.

Beth has organized Fourth of July celebrations since the 1960's, the 50 State Flag project, wrote the script for the Utah Sesquicentennial celebration for the Golden Spike Historic Site and worked on other activities around the Constitution Bicentennial and the Bicentennial Bill of Rights.

In addition to promoting tourism for Box Elder County, Beth's community commitment could take pages to list separately, her church, women's issues, affordable housing, Northern Utah Habitat for Humanity, Brigham City's first woman city council person and educational volunteer are just a few of the other areas where Beth has contributed immeasurably to the quality of life in Box Elder County and Utah!